

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This document serves as the City of DeSoto's 2016, Year 2, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This report is submitted in response to the performance requirements described in the Consolidated Plan regulations at 24 CFR 91.520.

CDBG funds were utilized to provide code enforcement services in low to moderate income areas of the city. During this reporting period, Code Enforcement initiated two thousand five hundred-fifty cases issuing notices and citations for violations involving: Boarded Homes, Construction w/o Permit, High Grass/Weeds, Missing House Numbers, Illegal Business, Illegal Parking, Illegal Signs, Inoperable Vehicles/Oversized Vehicles, Pool Inspection, Public Right of Way, Substandard Structure, Trash & Debris/Trash Placement, Trees and Landscaping, Unsecured Structure and Zoning. Approximately two thousand four hundred seventy-seven (2477) cases complied during the 2016 -2017 period of the CAPERS. The Public Facilities & Improvements Project, the 2016 – 2017 Stoney Creek Alley Project and 2017 – 2018 Misty Glen/Ray Andra Alley Projects are underway. Construction should be complete on both alley reconstruction projects by end of August 2018. Public Works has received the design proposal and scheduled the design contract on the Jan 16th CC meeting agenda for both.

The City routinely spends 100% of its CDBG funds on activities benefiting low income individuals and families, activities which include not only those listed, but also Fair Housing activities and technical assistance and training.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Affordable Housing Opportunities	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$68,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	1000	2477	247%	500	2477	495%

Program Administration	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$42,103	Other	Other			100%			100%
Public Improvements/Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$122,817	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	250	0	0%	250	0	0%

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

The City utilized the CDBG funds in accordance to its ConPlan and Annual Plan. The Code Enforcement efforts exceeded the expected goals for the reporting period.

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

Investments were allocated according to responses to programmatic opportunities and client response to funding availability. Infrastructure and code enforcement programs were targeted to the CDBG Eligible Areas .

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	0
Black or African American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	0
Hispanic	0
Not Hispanic	0

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

The funded code enforcement and alleyway improvement activities met low-mod area criteria. No individual demographic information was collected or provided. Overall, the City of DeSoto is 68.9 percent African-American according to the 2013 ACS. The White population constitutes 26.4 percent of the population so that other racial groups comprise only 4.7 percent of the population.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	HUD	\$232,920	\$77,239.25

Table 3 – Resources Made Available

Thirty-three (33%) of the CDBG funds received were expended during this reporting period. All expenditures were in compliance with the City's Annual Plan.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Low-mod areas	100	100	Low and moderate income areas

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

The low/mod areas of the City, in general, are characterized by older housing, often in need of repair or renovation. Funds were targeted to these areas to reduce slum and blight through code enforcement activity. One hundred percent (100%) of the allocated/expended CDBG funds were used in low-mod areas.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The city uses all available funds and partners with local nonprofit agencies, private for profit developers and contractors, and other state and local funds to meet the needs of the community and its citizens.

The City does not receive HOME funds and does not “calculate” match when considering projects and activities to fund. It does seek partnerships and funding opportunities to stretch federal grant dollars to achieve maximum benefit for its low and moderate income residents.

The City planned and successfully completed the Gilbert-Williams alleyway improvement in October 2016 as part of Program Year 2015 - 2016. CDBG funds were budgeted for Program Year 2015 – 2016 in the amount of \$122, 817 to restore the alleyway. The City leveraged CDBG funds in the redevelopment activity by investing \$91,910 of city funds.

The City anticipates similar leveraging for the 2016 – 2017 Stoney Creek Alley projects projected to be completed by August 2018.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of non-homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of special-needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 5- Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through rental assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through the production of new units	0	0
Number of households supported through the rehab of existing units	0	0
Number of households supported through the acquisition of existing units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 6 - Number of Households Supported

The City of DeSoto undertook no affordable housing activities this reporting period.

Number of Persons Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	0	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 7 – Number of Persons Served

Narrative Information

The City of DeSoto undertook no affordable housing activities this reporting period.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

The City of DeSoto is a participant in the Continuum of Care in the Dallas area, and is committed to directly participating in planning and programs and funded activities. During the 2016 – 2017 Program Year, the City has become more knowledgeable about and involved in CoC activities. The City of DeSoto supports the data collection and participates in the programs and activities sponsored by the Dallas County CoC and the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance aimed at reducing poverty and addressing the needs of persons in poverty and those in need of homeless services and support. DeSoto participated in the monthly meeting with the CoC and MDHA to discuss policy and support the collection of data for those persons in need of and receiving services. City of DeSoto participated in the January 2017 Point in Time (PIT) Homeless Count sponsored by Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance in conjunction with the Dallas County CoC.

City of DeSoto coordinated with shelters and service providers to receive survey data for homeless persons in shelters in Dallas County or accessing services on the PIT night, identifying themselves as living or having lived in DeSoto. The City of DeSoto Assistant City Manager and staff participated in meetings in 2016 - 2017 with the Dallas Metro Homeless Alliance to discuss how the City of DeSoto might participate in the PIT Count resulting in the City's participation for the first time in the scheduled count for January 2017. The City of DeSoto focused on performing the PIT in the City of DeSoto. Based on data collected during the PIT for homeless persons in DeSoto and identification of homeless persons in Dallas County shelters whose homeless origin began in DeSoto, City personnel identified service providers and will make referrals of homeless persons to those services.

As noted, there currently is no service delivery system as such for these populations. The City and local organizations rely upon services provided by other area organizations.

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City continues to partner with Dallas County and the local Continuum of Care to provide and assess the needs of its homeless population. The needs of homeless persons are complex and require a wide range of specialized services. Numerous agencies are often involved in the care of a homeless person, providing distinct services such as housing, mental health counseling, employment training, and case work services.

As noted above, the City does not have any programs to assist the homeless directly. The City itself has not been directly involved in providing assistance or services for the homeless, but recognizes this as a high priority element. As the CDBG program develops the City will assess how it can use the limited available CDBG funds to address the needs of the homeless. At present, it appears that the use of

CDBG funds to prevent homelessness (housing rehab, and emergency assistance) may be the most judicious approach to this complex issue, though this use of funds will be limited given the City's other needs and priorities

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

DeSoto did not provide federal funding for shelter activities. Local organizations address these needs through alternative funding. The City does not provide entitlement funding for homeless shelters. However, shelter needs are supported by local organizations and resources that address homeless shelters, supportive housing, halfway housing, transitional housing, day shelters, low income housing and drug and alcohol treatment.

Neighboring agencies such as: Living Word, Bridges Safehouse, Inc., The B&W House, Promise House and Homeward Bound and others provide homeless services and addresses emergency shelter and transitional housing needs.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

No funding was proposed in the Annual Plan to address homeless prevention but the City continues to partner with local service providers through the Continuum of Care Coalition and Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

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CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

DeSoto does not have any public housing units, though the City has three assisted affordable rental communities in the City: Primrose Park At Rolling Hills with 250 units, the Wintergreen Senior Apartments with 180 units, and Texas Kirnwood Apartments with 198 units. Financed with Low Income

Housing Tax Credits, some units include some form of rental assistance to make rent more affordable for very low income families.

This housing is intended for low- and moderate-income households, based upon HUD's income limits calculations for the Dallas County, Texas Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Actions taken to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

There is no public housing within the City of DeSoto.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

There is no public housing within the City of DeSoto.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City will encourage efforts to develop affordable housing projects using incentives and tax credit programs when available. These efforts will be limited because of the amount of funds available and the many competing needs.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City continues to research new funding sources for programs to address underserved needs. Funding limitations is a major obstacle to providing the services needed to focus on the remaining and growing issues that prevent families from breaking the cycle of poverty.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The city did not undertake any housing activities during this reporting period. The City has approximately 5,174 housing units with the presence of lead-based paint in them, but it should be noted that the bulk of these units were constructed after 1960 and have the lowest possibility of lead-based paint. Overall the lead hazard in DeSoto appears to be less acute than in older, often highly urbanized communities.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City partnered with the COC Coalition to reduce the number of poverty-level families through the development of programs and services needed to assist those families with education, job opportunities and life skills training.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

As a participant in the Dallas County CDBG program, the City has developed relationships and contacts with a number of service providers, not-for-profit organizations, housing developers and lenders, and agencies at the state, regional and local levels. The Administration Department understands its role in the delivery system and will work to develop and formalize an organized and effective delivery system including as many

of the entities responsible for program delivery as possible.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
De Soto Independent School District	Government	Public services	Other
City of De Soto Engineering	Government	Public services	Other
City of De Soto Code Enforcement	Government	Ownership Public Housing Rental	Other
De Soto Housing Finance Corporation	Government	Ownership	Other

Table 51 - Institutional Delivery Structure

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Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The City's code enforcement and infrastructure improvements help to address barriers to decent affordable housing by creating more inviting communities that are affordable too low to moderate income families.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The City of DeSoto continued to develop and enhance its monitoring standards and procedures. The City has developed its own set of Program Policies and Procedures and Project and Program Monitoring Procedures. The following description outlines the policies, standards and procedures that the City will employ to ensure compliance with program requirements.

The Administration Department views its monitoring responsibilities as an ongoing process, involving continuing communication, evaluation, and follow-up. The process involves frequent telephone contacts, written communications, the analyses of reports, audits, and periodic meetings with the agencies and city departments responsible for entitlement funded programs. The Department's staff will stay informed concerning compliance with program requirements and the extent to which technical assistance is needed. To execute its monitoring program the Administration Department will develop and implement monitoring procedures to ensure that recipients and sub-recipients of HUD funds are in compliance with Federal regulations and program guidelines.

The overriding goal of monitoring is to identify deficiencies and promote corrections in order to improve and reinforce performance. Deficiencies are corrected through discussion, negotiation, or technical assistance. The three stages utilized for addressing problem areas are early identification of problems, intervention for more serious or persistent problems, and sanctions.

Overview

Non-profit organizations that receive CDBG funds will be required to submit monthly financial and performance reports prior to reimbursement of expenditures. These reports will provide sufficient information to document compliance with timely expenditures and performance objectives.

Performance objectives and outcomes will be required of all nonprofits receiving funding and will be incorporated in the contract agreement with the City. Monthly reports will allow for monthly "desk monitoring" throughout the program year. The Administration Department will review these reports on a monthly basis.

If developed in DeSoto, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) will submit monthly performance and matching reports to the department to ensure ongoing compliance and goal accomplishments. These organizations will be subject to annual CHDO certification and annual monitoring when new projects begin, or when deemed necessary through a risk assessment.

City staff will provide technical assistance to social service and housing organizations that receive Federal funds either by phone, email, or on-site visits whenever a change in program staff or other operational concerns develop.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

The City considers the involvement of its low- and moderate-income residents to be essential to the development of its CAPER.

A publicized public hearing was held on January 16, 2018 as part of a concerted effort to obtain as much public input as possible in the preparation of the CAPER. These hearing was advertised in the local newspaper and on the City Website. The input received at these meetings helped identify specific community needs and priorities, which were considered in the development of the City's goals and programs.

The City ensures that all Public Hearings are held at times and locations convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries and with accommodations for persons with disabilities. Upon request, in advance of the meeting, the City will attempt to make accommodations for those individuals in need of special assistance.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There were no changes in the City's program objectives. The City will continue to assess and monitor the needs of the community and make the appropriate changes.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year. N/A

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